

**Question for written answer E-001006/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Impact of the 'farm to fork' strategy on small farmers

The 'farm to fork' strategy by definition covers the entire food chain. In the relationship between the food industries and the farmers, it is all too often the latter who are left by the wayside.

In addition, tightening controls to improve the health aspect of the food chain should not pose a threat to small farmers and small industries. The latter are often powerless in the face of compliance processes. The 'farm to fork' strategy must genuinely help farmers to provide products which are healthy and environmentally responsible.

Two questions seem to me to be pivotal in this regard:

1. Can the Commission guarantee that this strategy will not have any negative consequences for these ten million farms?
2. Can it assure us that the strategy will not result in industrial monopolies becoming more entrenched?